What is claimed is:

1. A photographing lens comprising a total lens system comprising, in sequence from the object side to the image plane side:

an aperture stop with a predetermined aperture;

a first lens group with an overall positive refractive power;

a second lens group with an overall positive refractive power; and

a third lens group with an overall positive refractive power; wherein:

said first lens group is a cemented lens formed by bonding, in sequence from said object side to said image plane side, a first lens with a positive refractive power and a second lens with a negative refractive power;

said second lens group is a third lens with a positive refractive power and an aspherical surface on at least one of an object-side surface and an image plane side surface; and

said third lens group is a fourth lens with a positive refractive power and an aspherical surface on at least one of an object-side surface and an image plane side surface.

2. The photographing lens as described in claim 1, wherein:

(1) $f/FL > 0.6$,

where f is a focal length of said total lens system and FL is a distance from an object-side surface of said aperture stop to said image plane on which an object is imaged.

3. The photographing lens as described in claim 1, wherein:

(2) $10 < \nu 1 - \nu 2 < 25$, and

(3) $N1 > 1.6$,

where $\nu 1$ is an Abbe number of said first lens, $\nu 2$ is an Abbe number of said second lens, and N1 is a refractive index of said first lens.

4. The photographing lens as described in claim 1, wherein said third lens is a meniscus lens with a convex surface oriented toward said image plane side.

5. The photographing lens as described in claim 1, wherein said fourth lens is a meniscus lens with a convex surface oriented toward said object side.

6. The photographing lens as described in claim 1, wherein:

(4) $1 < R6/R7 < 2$, and

(5) $1 < R9/R8 < 2$,

where R6 is a radius of curvature of said object-side surface of said third lens, R7 is a radius of curvature of said image plane side surface of said third lens, R8 is a radius of curvature of said object-side surface of said fourth lens, and R9 is a radius of curvature of said image plane side surface of said fourth lens.

7. The photographing lens as described in claim 1, wherein said aspherical surface of said fourth lens comprises an inflection point.

8. The photographing lens as described in claim 1, wherein said third lens and said fourth lens are formed from a resin material.

9. The photographing lens as described in claim 2, wherein:

(2) $10 < \nu1 - \nu2 < 25$, and

(3) $N1 > 1.6$,

where $\nu1$ is an Abbe number of said first lens, $\nu2$ is an Abbe number of said second lens, and N1 is a refractive index of said first lens.

10. The photographing lens as described in claim 2, wherein said third lens is a meniscus lens with a convex surface oriented toward said image plane side.

11. The photographing lens as described in claim 2, wherein said fourth lens is a meniscus lens with a convex surface oriented toward said object side.

12. The photographing lens as described in claim 2, wherein:

(4) $1 < R6/R7 < 2$, and

(5) $1 < R9/R8 < 2$,

where R6 is a radius of curvature of said object-side surface of said third lens, R7 is a radius of curvature of said image plane side surface of said third lens, R8 is a radius of curvature of said object-side surface of said fourth lens, and R9 is a radius of curvature of said image plane side surface of said fourth lens.

13. The photographing lens as described in claim 2, wherein said aspherical surface of said fourth lens comprises an inflection point.

14. The photographing lens as described in claim 2, wherein said third lens and said fourth lens are formed from a resin material.

15. The photographing lens as described in claim 3, wherein said third lens is a meniscus lens with a convex surface oriented toward said image plane side.

16. The photographing lens as described in claim 3, wherein said fourth lens is a meniscus lens with a convex surface oriented toward said object side.

17. The photographing lens as described in claim 3, wherein:

(4) $1 < R6/R7 < 2$, and

(5) $1 < R9/R8 < 2$,

where R6 is a radius of curvature of said object-side surface of said third lens, R7 is a radius of curvature of said image plane side surface of said third lens, R8 is a radius of curvature of said object-side surface of said fourth lens, and R9 is a radius of curvature of said image plane side surface of said fourth lens.

18. The photographing lens as described in claim 3, wherein said aspherical surface of said fourth lens comprises an inflection point.

19. The photographing lens as described in claim 3, wherein said third lens and said fourth lens are formed from a resin material.